

Ways and Means Committee Tax Code Recommendations

- Improved tax incentives on new equipment or energy reduction investments. To receive the incentive the investment must either, reduce energy usage, reduces environmental impact (Water, land or air pollution) or adds labor. It should not be tied to only labor addition since increased productivity often does not increase labor needs.
 - o Energy reduction projects resulting in lower water, electrical or Natural gas usage, or if it involves improved energy efficient lighting, cooling or heating
 - The company would receive an 80% tax refund for all costs associated with the project.
 - The tax credit would be credited over 5 years
 - If the operation is shut down in the first 4 years after the installation the incentive must be repaid.
 - o If new or upgraded equipment is purchased from a US manufacturer
 - Manufacturing locations would be eligible for tax credits up to 50% of the cost for up to 2M in investments. The tax credit would be credited over 5 years.
 - Tax credits up to 35% of the cost for up to 5M in investments. The tax credit would be credited over 8 years.
 - If the operation is shut down in the first 4 years after the installation the incentive must be repaid.
 - o If new or upgraded equipment is purchased from an International Trade Partner
 - Manufacturing locations would be eligible for tax credits up to 25% of the cost for up to 2M in investments. The tax credit would be credited over 5 years.
 - Tax credits up to 15% of the cost for up to 5M in investments. The tax credit would be credited over 8 years.
 - If the operation is shut down in the first 4 years after the installation the incentive must be repaid.
- To compete on more even ground with other countries a tax credit should be provided for environmental fees and up to 35% of costs associated with environmental reporting paid in the previous year as long as the facility has not been cited for an environmental issue
- Six month training credits for hiring of any individual who is hired and has been receiving unemployment benefits within the past 3 years.
- Student Loan forgiveness for college graduates working in manufacturing facilities for up to 5 years.
- Child care credits for individuals working in manufacturing facilities
- Reduced Corporate tax rates for US manufactures